

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A device for processing filter tow material for the production of filters for rod-shaped smoking articles, ~~for example cigarettes~~, said device comprising:
filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips~~[[.]]~~;
at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips ~~one filter tow strip~~ is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two ~~each~~ tow guideways~~;~~, further comprising and
processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus, which can be controlled separately comprising means for drawing a respective one of the at least two filter tow strips, wherein each means for drawing comprises a roller pair, and wherein the roller pair in one of the at least two tow guideways is arranged coaxial and side-by-side in a single unit with the roller pair in the other of the at least two tow guideways to define inner and outer roller pairs.
2. ***(Currently Amended)*** The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the filter tow delivery means supply a different filter tow material to each tow guideway.
3. ***(Currently Amended)*** The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ each processing apparatus further comprises means for flattening, ~~drawing, and/or~~ and means for treating the filter tow strip material.
4. ***(Currently Amended)*** The device according to claim ~~1~~ 3, ~~characterized in that each tow guideway is assigned means for flattening, drawing and/or treating the filter tow material wherein each and that the means for flattening is arranged side-by-side and transverse to the direction of the tow guideways with each other respective means for flattening in a single unit, the means for drawing, and/or the~~ and wherein each means for treating respectively form a single unit in

~~which they are~~ is arranged side-by-side and transverse to the direction of the tow guideways with each other respective means for treating in a single unit.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to claim 1, ~~4~~, characterized in that wherein each ~~means for flattening and/or drawing is provided with a roller pair that is positioned on the same side and~~ is driven by an associated drive means.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to claim 1, ~~6~~, characterized in that wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a first roller of the outer roller pair is positioned on a first shaft and ~~[[the]]~~ a first roller of the inner roller pair is positioned on a first tubular shaft through which the first shaft extends.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to claim 7, ~~6~~, characterized in that wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a second roller of the outer roller pair is positioned on a second shaft and ~~that the a~~ a second roller of the inner roller pair is positioned on a second tubular shaft through which the second shaft extends.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A device for processing filter tow material for the production of filters for rod-shaped smoking articles, said device comprising:

filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips;

at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two tow guideways; and

processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, wherein each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus, wherein each processing apparatus comprises means for flattening, drawing, and/or treating a respective one of the at least two filter tow strips. ~~The device according to at least one of the claim 3, characterized in that wherein the means for treating the filter tow material is~~ comprises a spray box arrangement that extends ~~at an angle, preferably in transverse direction~~ across the tow guideways, wherein ~~this the~~

spray box arrangement ~~is provided with~~ comprises discharge openings in ~~[[the]]~~ a wall~~[[,]]~~ facing the tow guideways, which discharge openings are assigned to the tow guideways for dispensing ~~[[the]]~~ treatment fluid onto the filter tow strips ~~material~~, and wherein ~~at the locations between the tow guideways respectively one~~ a first separating wall is arranged within the spray box arrangement between the tow guideways and ~~respectively one~~ a second separating wall is arranged between the tow guideways on the wall facing the tow guideways.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cross section for each discharge opening ~~openings~~ can be changed separately, relative to the tow guideways, with the aid of movable metering plates.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spray box arrangement can be operated under pressure.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The device according to ~~at least one of the~~ claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spray box arrangement comprises at least one rotating brush, operated by a drive, which dispenses the treatment fluid through the discharge openings.

13-15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(Currently Amended)** A device for processing filter tow material for the production of filters for rod-shaped smoking articles, said device comprising:

filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips;

at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two tow guideways;

processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, wherein each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus; and ~~The device according to claim 1, characterized in that~~ a separate removal device ~~[[is]]~~ provided at ~~[[the]]~~ an end of each tow guideway, wherein ~~the~~ ~~this~~ removal device ~~preferably~~ comprises a pusher drum or a transfer spider.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A machine for producing rod-shaped smoking articles, comprising ~~at least one device according to claim 1,~~

filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips;

at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two tow guideways; and

processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, wherein each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus;

an apparatus for wrapping a material around the filter tow strips;[[,]] and

an adhesive applicator for gluing together the wrapping material, ~~characterized in that wherein the adhesive applicator comprises first means for applying slow-curing adhesive, in particular cold glue, and second means for applying fast-curing adhesive, in particular hot-melt glue.~~

18. **(New)** The machine for producing rod-shaped smoking articles according to claim 17, wherein the slow-curing adhesive comprises cold glue, and wherein the fast-curing adhesive comprises hot-melt glue.

19. **(New)** The device according to claim 1, wherein the rod-shaped smoking articles comprise cigarettes.

20. **(New)** A device for processing filter tow material for the production of filters for rod-shaped smoking articles, said device comprising:

filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips;

at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two tow guideways;

processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, wherein each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus;

a shaping device for reshaping the filter tow strips into round filter tow rods; and

deflection means provided downstream of the shaping device for deflecting the round filter tow rods.

21. **(New)** The device according to claim 20, wherein the deflection means comprises conical intake fingers which are bent twice to reduce the spacing between the filter tow rods, wherein each respective filter tow rod is guided through a respective one of the conical intake fingers.

22. **(New)** The device according to claim 21, wherein the conical intake fingers are attached to a joint holder, suspended from a parallelogram frame, which can essentially be pivoted in the direction of the filter tow rods.

23. **(New)** A device for processing filter tow material for the production of filters for rod-shaped smoking articles, said device comprising:

filter tow delivery means for supplying at least two filter tow strips;

at least two tow guideways, wherein each of the at least two filter tow strips is separately guided in a respective one of the at least two tow guideways; and

processing apparatuses for processing the filter tow strips, wherein each tow guideway is assigned a separately controlled processing apparatus comprising means for drawing a respective one of the at least two filter tow strips, wherein each means for drawing comprises:

a roller pair having a first and second rollers, the second roller having a larger diameter than the first roller; and

a control element adapted to adjust the second roller in a direction transverse to a rotational axis of the second roller in order to control a contact pressure of the second roller against the first roller.

24. **(New)** The device according to claim 23, wherein each means for drawing further comprises:

a braking roller pair; and

an adjustment element adapted to adjust at least one roller of the braking roller pair in a direction transverse to a rotational axis of the at least one roller in order to control a contact pressure of the braking roller pair.